DOING YOUR FAMILY GENEALOGY

Doing your family genealogy is somewhat like putting together the pieces of a large puzzle. It can be a very rewarding and challenging task. Unlike definite size of a puzzle, a family tree is always growing and changing. Many people work on their family history for a lifetime. Others tackle only a certain portion or a specific period of time. No matter which path you choose to pursue, a special experience awaits you. To help you begin your journey, the Jewish Historical Society has prepared helpful and basic guide.

Some basic rules to remember when beginning your family research:

- Talk to as many living relatives as you can - they are an important source of information.
- Be sure to verify important information with documentation.
- Purchase a few good Jewish genealogical books.

Two recommended books are:


EXPANDING YOUR RESEARCH

Delaware, being midway between New York City and Washington, D.C., provides access easy to world-class Jewish research institutions. Institutions in Philadelphia and Baltimore are easy commutes.
RESEARCH RESOURCES

The following institutions in Delaware have resources of help to genealogists:

- **Jewish Historical Society of Delaware**
  505 Market Street Mall
  Wilmington, Delaware 19801
  (302) 655-6232
  jhsdel@yahoo.com
  - Contains synagogue records, a biographical file, photograph collection, family collections, and genealogical reference books.

- **Delaware Public Archives**
  121 Duke of York Street
  Dover, DE 19901
  (302) 744-5000
  archives@state.de.us
  - The Delaware Public Archives operates a research room which is open to the public from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday with evening hours on Wednesday and Thursday until 8:00 p.m.
  - Contains state, county, and municipal records, genealogical records and a reference library.

- **Office of Vital Statistics**
  P.O. Box 637
  Dover, DE 19903
  - The public can obtain individual copies of birth certificates, death certificates, and marriage licenses via a written request to the Office of Vital Statistics, Dover, Delaware or in person at three locations:

  - **Jesse Cooper Building**
    Federal & Water Sts.
    Dover, DE 19901
  - **Georgetown State Service Center**
    546 S. Bedford St.
    Georgetown, DE 19947
  - **Limestone Building**
    2055 Limestone Rd.
    Wilmington, DE 19808

- **Historical Society of Delaware**
  505 Market Street Mall
  Wilmington, Delaware 19801
  (302) 655-7161
  hsd@hsd.org
  - Contains family history files, biographies & genealogies, census & immigration lists, city state directories, genealogical reference sources guides, and a Genealogical Surname File.

- **The Church of Jesus of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon Church)**
  - Family History Centers

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  Note: Family History Centers do not respond to mail inquiries. Out-of-state researchers should contact a FHC in their area.

  - These branch facilities of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City provide access to the microfilm and microfiche resources of the Family History Library to help patrons identify their ancestors. The Centers are excellent sources for Jewish genealogical materials. Many contain important pre-holocaust data from Eastern and Central Europe. The Mormons are preeminent genealogists and are a “must check” source for Jewish genealogists.

- **Schoenberg Memorial Chapel**
  519 Philadelphia Pike
  Wilmington, Delaware 19809
  (302) 762-0334
  - Contains important pre-holocaust data from Eastern and Central Europe.

- **University of Delaware Morris Library**
  Newark, Delaware 19716
  (302) 831-2965
  - Library contains a number of excellent books on Jewish genealogy, general genealogy, Jewish studies, and Holocaust resources.

  - **Wilmington Public Library**
    10th & Market Streets
    Wilmington, DE 19801
    (302) 571-7400

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  “Remember the days of old. Consider the years of ages past.”
  Deuteronomy 32:7

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